



Proposed Code Change  
State Form 41186R

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
CODE SERVICES SECTION  
302 W. Washington Street Room W246  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Code 27.9.1-09

INSTRUCTIONS:

Only TYPED copy accepted.

(KEY – Dashed line through material to be deleted, underline material to be added)

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Code Title IRC 2009		Edition 1 <sup>ST</sup> 2009
Section number and title R310.1 EXCEPTIONS		Page 59
Proponent Phil Gettum	Title IBA Code Committee Member	
Address 4984 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood, IN 46142		Phone 317-888-5681
PROPOSED CODE CHANGE (Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add to read as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete and substitute as follows <input type="checkbox"/> Delete without substitution		
Add exception #2 to read as follows:  #2. Expansion or remodeling of existing basement spaces which do not include the addition of sleeping rooms. #3. An additional set of basement stairs may be substituted for window or door egress openings when basements do not have exterior walls to provide egress to the outside and which do not contain sleeping rooms.		
REASON AND FISCAL IMPACT		
These exceptions address the following issues: <u>Exception #2-</u> where existing basements are remodeled or expanded to include finishing walls and ceilings of existing non-sleeping room basement spaces. Requiring the addition of an egress opening to existing structures is cost prohibitive (\$6-7000 sales price) and is not possible in some scenarios. This added expense may discourage homeowners from improving their homes and/or could encourage unregulated, non-code complying work. <u>Exception #3-</u> if the concern is truly to provide a second means of egress to occupants or firefighters, a second set of code complying stairs should provide an adequate backup when included in basements which DO NOT contain sleeping rooms.		
REVIEW RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
Disapprove		
Approve as amended		
Further Study		